

# IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

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JOAN BELL,

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No. 07-454V

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Petitioner,

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Special Master Christian J. Moran

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v.

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Filed: October 2, 2008

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SECRETARY OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

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attorneys' fees and costs, award in  
the amount to which respondent has  
not objected.

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Respondent.

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### ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS DECISION<sup>1</sup>

Petitioner, Joan Bell, filed an application for attorneys' fees and costs on July 25, 2008. She is awarded the amount to which respondent has not objected.

Ms. Bell seeks a total of **\$18,808.95** in attorneys' fees, **\$2,260.27** in attorneys' costs and **\$1,897.10** in referring attorneys' fees and costs. Additionally, Ms. Bell filed a statement of costs in compliance with General Order No. 9, stating that she incurred **\$250.00** in litigation costs. Respondent stated that he had no objection to the application for attorneys' fees and costs.

In addition, although not included in the petition, the court is awarding petitioner's counsel, Mr. Homer, an additional fee for attending a status conference on October 2, 2008 to discuss the pending motion for the attorney's fees. The total amount awarded for Mr. Homer's time during this status conference is **\$54.00**.

After reviewing the request, the court awards **\$23,270.32** in attorneys' fees and other litigation costs. The court thanks the parties for their cooperative efforts in resolving this matter.

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<sup>1</sup> The undersigned intends to post this decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims's website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (Dec. 17, 2002). As provided by Vaccine Rule 18(b), each party has 14 days within which to request redaction "of any information furnished by that party (1) that is trade secret or commercial or financial information and is privileged or confidential, or (2) that are medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy." Vaccine Rule 18(b). Otherwise, "the entire" decision will be available to the public. Id.

The Clerk shall enter judgment accordingly.<sup>2</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

S/ Christian J. Moran

Christian J. Moran  
Special Master

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<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties can expedite entry of judgment by each party filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review by a United States Court of Federal Claims judge.